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Backtracked yearbooks on campus soon

Matt Cook

The last student-funded yearbook in students' hands is from 2004, and officials say the yearbook staff has barely started on last year's book.

The Spirit yearbook is funded by a \$17-a-year student fee paid by all full-time undergraduate students.

Students approved the fee in 2002 after the yearbook faced financial trouble.

UTM Coordinator of Student Publications Tomi Parrish said the majority of the 2005 yearbook has

already been printed.

"Walsworth [the printing company for the 2005 yearbook] is waiting on us to send the last 40 pages to them so they can finish printing and send us the books. When the 2005 book is complete, we will heavily publicize that they are done so graduates and current students will know how to get their copy."

As of press time Monday, the last 40 pages of the 2005 yearbook – the student body individual photo pages – were in the process of being sent to the

Missouri-based Walsworth for printing.

Parrish said the 2005 yearbooks could arrive as early as homecoming this year, in time to distribute to alumni who attend the festivities. The arrival depends on how soon Walworth can print the remaining 40 pages, then bind and ship the books. Should the 2005 yearbooks not arrive before homecoming, they will be handed out at fall commencement to current students and mailed to those who already graduated from UTM.

U.S. Postal Service regulations to ship a parcel of the yearbook's size varies by weight and the distance the package is being sent. The estimated price to ship a single yearbook is \$5, according to the UTM Post Office. The costs would be covered by the accumulation of student yearbook fee money from previous years.

The 2006 yearbook is nearly complete, and some progress has been made on the 2007 yearbook, Parrish said. She added that the staff's current focus is to

finish those books before any serious work is done on a 2008 book.

"The biggest thing we need right now is dependability from the staff," Spirit Editor LeighAnn McKenzie said. "As of right now, we have seven definite staff members and two photographers who are shared with *The Pacer*."

During *The Spirit's* weekly meeting Monday, the staff discussed where they stand and to inform interested students about the requirements of the job.

UTM Publications

Committee Chair Joe Lofaro said that Parrish needs a part-time assistant to speed up the production of the last two years' yearbooks.

"The publications committee told Tomi last year she could hire someone as assistant, and with the assistant she hired, they made a lot of progress. This person had a better opportunity for a job this year, and so now Tomi really needs some help."

Parrish said her assistant left to pursue full-

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Not enough green to "go green"

Will York

Many Tennessee universities recently announced plans to make major new construction projects conform to nationally accepted "green" building standards.

The University of Tennessee at Martin is undertaking \$70 million in renovations and new construction, but "green," environment friendly designs have not been a priority for the university, officials said.

And they say a lack of green is the reason why.

"We don't do the LEED certification because of the costs," said Al Hooten, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration. "It would be a very extensive process to get that certification."

The LEED certification, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, has been embraced by more than 50 universities, businesses and governments in the state.

The certification requires using renewable building materials and installing energy-efficient water, heating and cooling units. LEED construction techniques are also less damaging to the environment.

UT Martin is building new dormitory buildings and a \$16.5 million student recreation facility and renovating the business building, Elam Center, Brehm Hall and the Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

None of those buildings will be LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Hooten said conforming with LEED standards

would have added between \$250,000 to \$500,000 in costs to building projects.

Instead of pursuing the "green" certification, Hooten said UTM is working "behind the scenes" to make the university energy-efficient.

"A big example is the Elam Center," Hooten said. "We used to always have to operate two to three air handler (fans) to cool the arena. We just replaced those and moved down to one."

Hooten said the university is focusing on installing modern mechanical systems.

"These modern devices are much more energy conservative," Hooten said.

He said the university will replace carpet in the University Center with recycled carpet squares. The squares are more expensive than traditional carpet but can be pulled up and replaced if they become dirty.

Tim Nipp, director of the university's physical plant, said the university follows the same guidelines as Knoxville.

"We don't have any LEED-certified buildings, but we try to be as economical as possible," Nipp said. "That's probably one of our goals in the coming years."

Sarah Holliday, who advises a student recycling group, said costs of green building will eventually pay for themselves.

"It would be nice to see (green building) done," Holliday said. "At the same time I understand that there are costs that need to be addressed."



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Holliday said the Second Nature recycling group is lobbying the university to begin recycling plastic.

UT-Knoxville Chancellor Loren Crabtree announced last week that all buildings or renovations costing more than \$5 million must meet LEED standards.

The Knoxville campus will begin construction this fall on the Min Kao Electrical and Computer Engineering building, which will be UTK's first certified "green" building.

Crabtree also said during the Make Orange Green Week that the university will take efforts to become "climate neutral."

UT-Knoxville students voted in 2004 to increase their fees by \$8 a semester to support alternative energy.

Students at Middle Tennessee State University also voted for an \$8 fee increase to support their Green Power Switch initiative, which requires 10 percent of the Murfreesboro university's power to be from renewable power sources.

Nashville's private Vanderbilt University

announced this month that seven new buildings—including five dorms—will be LEED-certified.

The university will compost food waste, use leftover cooking oil in biodiesel-powered cars and rely heavily on natural lighting, Vanderbilt architect Keith Loiseau said.

"When we first started out, it was the students who wanted to do a certified building," Loiseau said. "But because the university is a longtime owner, it makes it easy for our existing buildings to become certified buildings."

Even the small, historically black Lane College in Jackson, Tenn., is showing off a recently finished LEED-certified meeting hall for its 1,200 undergraduates.

The \$437,000 renovation only cost 5-10 percent more to conform with "green" standards, Lane College President Wesley McClure said.

"It has helped us do exactly what the rest of the world has been trying to do, help the environment and conserve energy," McClure said.

UTC merger contract "unfulfilled"

Wendy Elliott

When the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's Faculty Senate Committee made recent remarks about a "neglected stepchild" they weren't quoting lines from the script of Cinderella, they were actually referring to their own university.

In a recent report made public, the committee describes in detail an alleged "unfulfilled contract with Southeast Tennessee" in regard to the Knoxville-based UT system that the once-private University of Chattanooga agreed to merge with back in 1969.

The Faculty Senate Committee describes the 38-year old merger agreement as "a binding legal contract that called for equivalent resources at Chattanooga and Knoxville; equivalent admissions standards and faculty salaries; and for the development of doctoral programs."

Opinions and information laid out in the report point to problems with the same merger agreement that set out to aid UTC in accomplishing the university's goals. "The UT system prevented Southeast Tennessee from having a major institution and made UTC a neglected stepchild within the UT system."

The report claims that the UT system then "justified these actions with arrogance, bullying tactics, and circular reasoning, using the conditions it had created as the 'reason' UTC could not become a major institution, in direct violation of the Merger Agreement." The report goes on to speak of its neighbor to the east, UTK: "In the mean-

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Tomorrow, partly cloudy, high of 88. Thursday, sunny with a high of 89.

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Commercial and industrial buildings in the United States contribute 45% of our national emissions of greenhouse gases.

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Our View

Editorial:
See The Pacer in a new light

In lieu of last week's reporting on the injury to Alpha Omicron Pi member Julie Vantrease, *The Pacer* staff was reminded that many on campus see the student newspaper in a somewhat superficial light.

The Pacer is the student newspaper on campus for several reasons. For one, it gives journalism students a chance to work on a newspaper in a real life newsroom. Communications laws work in such a way that *The Pacer* can sue and be sued. Students on this staff know this, and as such, are expected to hold to a very clearly defined code of ethics.

Second, our mission is to present the truth of what happens on, around and related to the UTM campus. We are taught to present the facts as facts and keep our own opinions separate on this page titled "Viewpoints."

There are some who think that we are the best gossip rag on campus. To those, we simply must let

our record stand for itself. We consistently place in the top 10 newspapers in the Southeast because we present the issues and news of this campus for all to see. If your organization does something good, we're going to write about it. If you choose to do something bad, unethical or illegal, we'll publish that as well.

Journalists are not the collective devil, nor is our mindset to make people look bad because we want to make fun of them.

bad, not us. (Which is why, coincidentally, our No. 1 rule around here is "don't commit news.")

As Tomi Parrish points out in a column this week, journalists are humans, and as such we always face the possibility of making mistakes. That's why letters to the editor and clarifications exist. But we also ask that you, the ones we try week in and week out to inform, understand that we take our jobs very seriously.

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The Pummeling Pen



Poor perceptions often become presstime problems for journalists

Tomi Parrish
Faculty Adviser

News flash: Journalists are human and therefore make mistakes.

The mistakes are sometimes real and sometimes the result of perception problems between us and the subjects of our stories. Our job is not to intentionally harm people who become part of the news, or those who, via group, major or whatever, find themselves associated with the subjects of any given story.

The Pacer faced two situations last week that highlight this point. First, the counterfeiting story – two UTM students were charged with counterfeiting. Ever since the Sept. 11 *Pacer* hit the racks, we've been bombarded by complaints from anyone even remotely connected to the Graphics Design major that *The Pacer's* editorial implied that students in this major did not have integrity. We also were told that one of the young men was not a Graphics Design major, but an Engineering major; how-

ever, the police said he is a Graphics Design major and his Facebook profile lists him as one too.

The real problem with the editorial was the perception that *The Pacer* was attacking all who major in Graphics Design. I am sorry that any student on campus would think we meant to attack any particular major because that was not the intent of the editorial. The point was that students, regardless of major (and other majors were mentioned in the editorial), should strive to contribute to the community, not use skills associated with any certain major to "commit news."

Those of us in journalism, like our siblings in Graphics Design, have access to all the techno-wizard software that can make a crime like counterfeiting relatively easy to commit, and that was the original thought behind the editorial.

Second, the injured AOPI story – a young woman was injured Monday night, Sept. 10 (Bid Day), when she slid from the back of a pickup and hit her head on

the pavement behind the AGR house.

Monday night is deadline night for *The Pacer*. All of our pages have to be uploaded to the Web no later than 8:30 p.m. The opinions editor and I were the ones who, at 6:15 p.m., were at the AGR house trying to find out what happened. We did not interrupt the police process, but we definitely felt like we were the unwelcome strangers – everyone was upset and few were brave enough to talk, either to us or to other members of *The Pacer* staff later that evening when calls were made to the hospital.

A young woman injured on campus is newsworthy – it's not the "biggest" story of the day or week, but it is a newsworthy event. Any one of you could become part of a news story at any moment, and you probably won't like it when/if it happens. Remember, however, that it's how you and your associates handle becoming the focus of a news story, and then how a journalist treats you, that often cause the problems inherent be-

By: Eric White

tween the media and the public we serve.

We are bound by the tenets of our profession to constantly ask questions and cover newsworthy events. We panic a little when we're "holding" a spot for a story on our front page and no one is willing to talk or willing to explain the silence. And then we get highly perturbed when someone implies that we are unprofessional simply because we're doing the job we're trained to do – or that we aren't serious, or that we're simply "playing newspaper." Those perceptions of my staff couldn't be more wrong.

So let me wrap up this diatribe with an offer: I will be happy to discuss the media process, from story idea to printed article, with anyone. I will prepare a sheet of tips on how best to handle the media for any group that would like to have some help in that area. My e-mail address is tomimc@utm.edu, my office phone is 7558, and I live in 305A Gooch.

Find me and we'll talk.

Letters to the Editor

Student not a design major

I feel that there were some very offending mistakes in the September 11 editorial. First of all, neither of the UT Martin students accused of counterfeiting were Graphic Design Majors. The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts as a whole is offended by the statements made because of careless reporting. Secondly, contrary to the editorial's claims, Graphic Design Majors do use their talents to contribute to this campus in a positive manner. For example, we contribute to many of UT Martin's departments and student organizations such as SAC, Greek organiza-

tions and several others by designing publicity items such as posters, t-shirts and websites. The VTA Department prides itself on our enthusiasm, hard work and creative and academic integrity, and does not appreciate those values being questioned when the incident did not involve us at all.

Natalie Carroll
Graphic Design
Linden, Tenn.

Editor's Note: Matthew Dunaway is officially listed as an engineering major in the university system, but he told police and media he is a graphics design major.

Segway price too high

How are we supposed to do ANY work for our classes if we can't even get on the campus internet? It takes about 5 minutes for anything to load up, then another 5 minutes to submit anything. I don't understand how the University can spend thousands of dollars on Segways, but can't invest money for more Bandwidth, Something everyone on the campus uses and needs.

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College campuses isolated from the rest of the world’s news and views

An odd trend seems to happen as we go about our lives here on campus. As we make friends and learn about the people who surround us on a regular week-to-week basis, we tend toward shutting out the rest of the world. This isn't a bad thing or even a conscious thing that most of us do, it just seems to happen and it doesn't happen to all of us but it does happen to a great many of us.

With the University Center and the Elam Center and the football stadium, our campus is its own little world and within it we have entertainment, sustenance, and friendship; after all, what more do we really need? That is often the mentality that begins this trend. Again, this isn't



a bad thing but rather, just something that happens. It happens so slowly that we aren't even aware of it. The down side to this trend is that it often causes a bit of isolation and not in the way that we're all sort of asleep to what's going on in the world but rather in a way that we're not as finely attuned to it because while we're inside this little world of our own, the things outside of it aren't really all that important.

Recently, I took a trip to San Francisco and found some great scenery and

fantastic conversation about world events that really surprised me – and this was just in the airport! People around me were talking about Greenpeace efforts in the Northwest Passage and something called Blackwater and I sat there, mesmerized. I have considered myself to be rather up to date on current events but here I was in the airport terminal surrounded by a rainbow of different people and the brilliance was blinding. I learned more about the “outside” world in a matter of thirty minutes than I did cruising CNN.com the entire last week! It was truly an eye-opening experience for me.

This sort of revelation showed me just what sort of insulation college campus-

es provide for its students. While again, this isn't a bad thing, I thought it would make for a good column because each of us lives within two worlds while we're in college. Without sounding as if I'm possessed by Rod Serling (look him up, head-scratchers! That's really what Google is for!), one of these worlds is the world of textbooks, campus lattes, study sessions and Greek life while the other world is the one where we're deadlocked in a war few want, where an ex-President named Hilary is fighting to become a real leader, and where we're led by people named Murtha, Mukasey, and Obama... maybe we've all been possessed by Rod Serling!

The point is, there is a world outside of the cam-

pus that most of us call home. Just as we're involved in social and academic fraternities, newspapers, classes, parties, and other social gatherings, we can't forget that we're involved in a world outside of these things, as well. So many times, people forget what is going on right under their very noses. Some don't remember to pick up any other newspaper but our beloved Pacer (and again, nothing wrong with that!) but even our glorious staff can't get to everything going on in our world. Even we, as fantastic as we are, can't cover everything simultaneously and even if we could, we only have a limited number of pages!

Another world is going on around us and I would encourage each of you to

get out there and see it, however you can. Travel during the breaks, talk to and cultivate relations with those students here of other national origins, and in short, make a real connection to the world that you'll soon be entering after the four year prep work has been done here at UTM. It's the world that you're soon going to be living in, after all; it's the world that you're going to be working in and striving to make better. Find out as much as you can about that world so you'll know where to start when it's your turn to take that matriculation walk! Contrary to what the Mouse might say, it's a big, big world out there and we're all a part of it!

Smoking students getting the shaft on campus

Imagine yourself sitting on a bench minding your own business chomping away at a tasty bacon egg and cheese biscuit. Like most Americans you're miserably overweight and you're not doing yourself any favors by eating that bundle of bad calories, but by being an American with free will, it's your God-given right to do so. My, my, that was one hell of a biscuit.

As you crumple the grease-soaked wrapper and mosey your way to the trash bin, a passer-by suddenly feels compelled to remind you of your mortality by saying:

“Hey tubs, don't you know that crap'll kill ya! Lose some weight!”

You're probably thinking to yourself how any adult in this country, let alone this university, could lack the empathy and have the nerve to say such a rude thing to another human being. I'd venture to say



that such a hurtful moment doesn't happen often around these parts.

I am sitting on a bench minding my own business, puffing away at a relaxing cigarette that I feel I've earned. Like most Americans, I know it's a terrible addiction and slowly giving me lung cancer, but by being an American with free will it's my God-given right to do so. My, my, that really was a calming five minutes of the day.

As I take the last drag and place the cigarette into our university's own “cigarette dispensing bins,” some poindexter with an ugly shirt decides to remind me of my mortality by saying:

“Hasn't anyone ever told you that those things will kill you?”

As I see the man pass me by, without even having enough respect to stop and hear my response, I yell:

“Hasn't anyone ever told you to mind your own damn business?”

Why won't you people just shut the hell up? Anyone that has ever smoked a cigarette on this campus, in this town, and within this country already knew smoking was a bad habit. You're doing us tons of favors by approaching us and reminding us of the fact that, yes, we're going to die without even realizing that the very universe we live in has never been conducive to immortality.

I might feel somewhat differently about this issue if smokers were evil oppressors and nicotine dealers, waiting for the children to come off their school buses to offer them a “drag.” I'd feel somewhat differently about this issue if smokers were even allowed to smoke in bars these days,

let alone in any establishment with a roof over its head.

I don't complain about these laws, however, because I as a smoker know that secondary smoke is indeed bad for you. Smoking is a terrible habit, as any smoker will tell you, but walk around campus and see how many smokers deliberately puff their smoke in the direction of your nostrils. I dare you to try and keep a tally of how many smokers are trying to infest your lungs, deliberately, with our dreaded second hand smoke.

Yet despite the fact that smokers have allowed these anti-smoking bills to become laws, we are still treated as second-class citizens. On the basis of our tobacco tinged odor and the fact that we have darker lungs than the rest of you, we've allowed ourselves to be treated as sub-humans.

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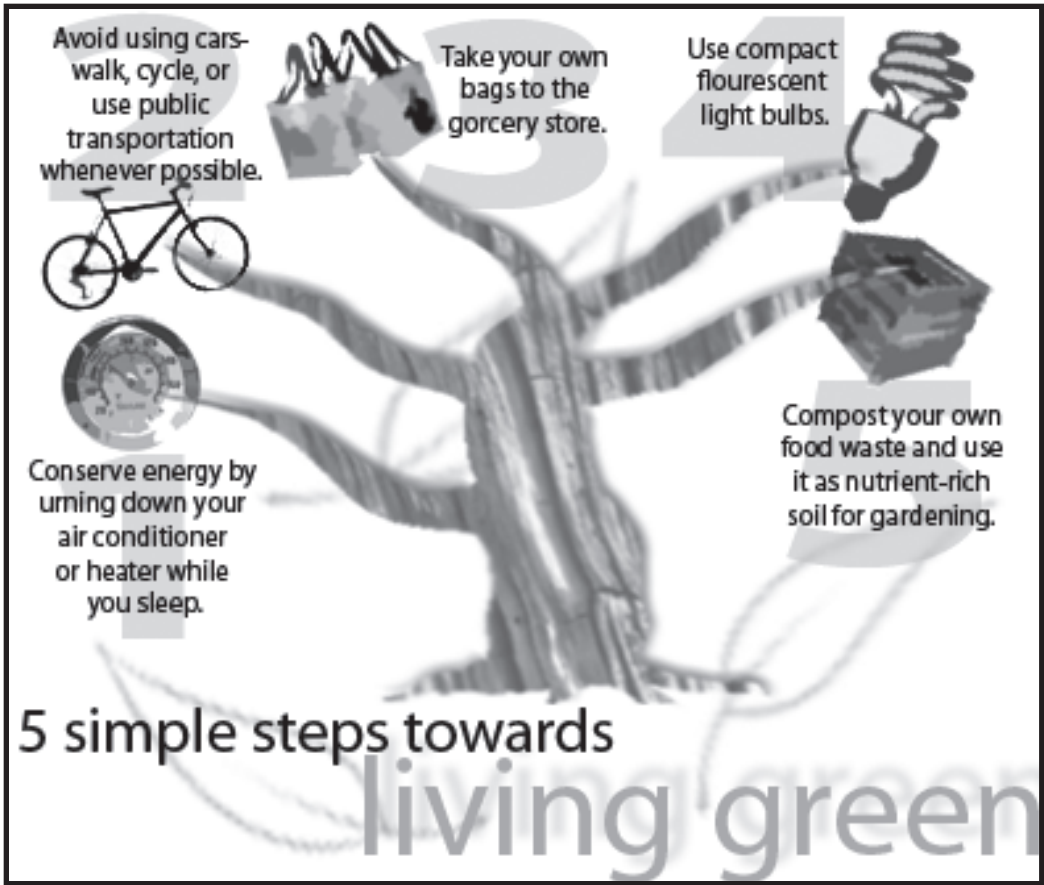
Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

Environmentalists aren't granola-eating, tree-hugging, hemp-clothed hippies anymore. Or at least that's the image a student group wants to convey. They even say loving Earth can be trendy. Oil prices hit a record high on Monday. Environmental scientists said this weekend that Artic ice is melting at a rate faster than expected—possibly leading to the opening of the elusive Northwest Passage shipping route. Scientists say there's still something people can do to help save the planet, but people have to realize they can help, even by doing something small. If it can be solved by switching out a couple of light bulbs, people argue, then it must not be that big

of a deal. The other conclusion is that the problem is too big. If we have reached a point where everyone in the world has to do their part then we have reach a point of no return. Sadly, neither conclusion is entirely correct, but—most importantly—it is important to realize that in either case embracing a greener life style most certainly does more good than harm. Some students have taken heed and decided to spread the word. Enter Second Nature. Second Nature is a campus organization established last fall to bolster local support and awareness of environmental issues. “We want to get the UTM campus and community more environmentally minded, meaning more awareness and concern for environmental issues, from global warming to local

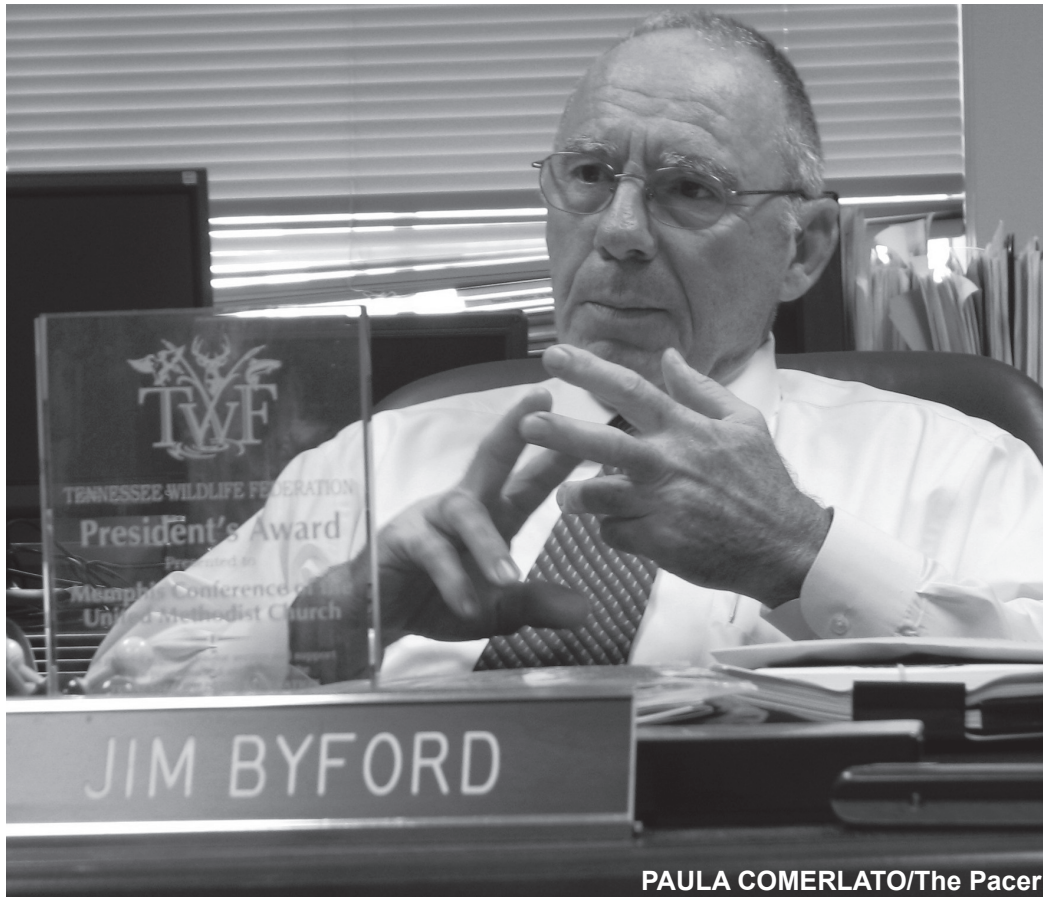
pollution,” said Jessica Eslinger senior English major and president of Second Nature. “If you appreciate anything about the natural state of the earth, you can be an environmentalist. Whether you like to fish and hunt, paint landscapes, or meditate in a field of flowers, you can—and should—be an active environmentalist,” Eslinger said. Eslinger said American culture works against environmental progress. “The biggest obstacle Americans face in being good to the environment is that we do not ‘think’ green,” she said. “We’re taught that it’s OK to throw away a plastic bottle, and then later that we can justify it because ‘it’s only one.’ If every undergrad on this campus alone threw one

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GRAPHIC: Jennifer DeYeso

Faculty Profile: Dean Jim Byford



Jim Byford, Dean of Agriculture, has called UTM home for the past 20 years, where he made changes to the Agriculture department and the leadership of UTM.

Emily Payne
Pacer Writer

The Dean of Agriculture, Dr. James Byford has been a leader at UTM for the past 20 years; helping to transform the Agriculture Department and change the leadership of UTM. Byford is originally from Gibson County and attended Peabody High School. Byford grew up on a farm, most of his family members were farmers so it was no surprise when he chose Agriculture as a major after a suggestion from a teacher. Byford received an undergraduate degree in Agriculture from UTM, bypassed his master degree and received a PhD at Auburn. While teaching at the University of Knoxville he received a call from UTM offering him his current position as dean. “The Ag department at UTM wasn’t at its best, my 16 years of experience in the UT system and my experience of working with

youth were the key factors to help the department and recruitment,” Byford said. Byford was also a leading figure in the resignation of former Chancellor Phillip Conn in 2000. While serving as Chancellor, Conn lost four out of five deans from resignation. Byford was the only remaining dean. “Conn basically took charge of the campus without the input of others. He was a very smart man but he was very hard-headed and was not a good listener literally and figuratively. A campus is a free-thinking society and you cannot run it in a doctoral style and be successful. The expressions of opinions are critical to administration and students,” Byford said. Byford felt it was not in his nature to do something so unusual but he knew something had to be done. “My last straw was when Conn made a decision about land owned by the Ag department without talking to anyone in the department

about it,” Byford said. Byford sent Conn an open letter asking him to resign and forwarded it to his supervisors, the president of the UT system, the media, and the campus. “I had to involve the media so this problem could not be swept under the rug,” Byford said. Students and faculty rallied a protest calling for Conn to resign, which drew the attention of local media. “I did not organize and was not involved in the protest; it was the idea of the students. However, I was very glad to have their support,” Byford said. Within 12 days of the protest Chancellor Conn resigned. “I am not thrilled Conn had to leave and I received no satisfaction from it but I am proud that the campus and faculty are thriving. I have no animosity towards Conn and I wish him the best,” Byford said. After Conn’s resignation

UTM received knowledge that the same problems occurred in his prior position at Dickenson State. This highlighted the importance of campus visits in the search of UTM professionals, Byford said. “We need to visit the campus of candidates and talk to people who worked with them,” Byford said. The Agriculture department has many new and interesting plans and ideas for the fall. The department is holding simultaneous classes with Jackson State and three high schools. In the first week of October the department will be harvesting prawns (fresh water shrimp) that have been growing all summer. The department is also working jointly with the NCAA equestrian team. The Agriculture Department is also involved with the ethanol plant being built in Obion County. Byford is serving as a governor on the board and was one of three who initially got the plans going. In the past year the department’s Wild Life Society Chapter and Alpha Gamma Rho each won best chapter in the nation. “I have the best job on campus. I truly have faculty here for the right reason, the students. As dean I oversee everything and make sure you as the student get what you came here to get. My faculty and faculty chairs do such a great job that I have time to do a lot of other neat stuff,” Byford said. Byford currently serves on 7 different boards, some of which include the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Volunteer Hospital, West TN Leadership Development, and Land between the Lakes Advisory Board. In his spare time Byford enjoys hunting, fishing, carpentry and song-writing. He writes mostly ballad folk and country music and said he uses music as a teaching tool.

Sorority questions annual bid day truck tradition

Will York
Pacer Senior Writer

As 14 sorority sisters piled into a pickup truck bed last week, some of their sorority sisters were eating dinner at an official bid day event. Instead of welcoming new sorority sisters together, the 14 went off on their own, creating their own bid day event while honking horns and yelling in front of fraternity houses. Some Alpha Omicron Pi sorority members said it was a 30-year tradition. “This is an annual thing for us,” member Whitney Ward told The Pacer. “We

drive past the fraternity house and honk. They usually spray us with water.” The tradition ended Sept. 10 when sorority member Julie Vantrease fell from the back of a white 2008 Chevy pickup truck in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house parking lot on University Street. Vantrease injured her head but was treated and released from a local hospital. “I assure you if I have anything to do with it, this will never happen again,” said sorority adviser Tracey Bell. “This issue was addressed at (our) meeting last night.

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Enrollment breaks records

Jennifer DeYeso
Pacer Writer

UT Martin’s recently finalized enrollment figures for the Fall 2007 semester set four all-time records, officials said. A total of 7,173 students are currently enrolled in the university, a 280-student increase over Fall 2006, which sets records for total undergraduates, dual-credit students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students. “We’re pleased to experience another significant increase in student enrollment, which I believe is one indicator of the perceived value of a UT Martin education,” Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes told *The Pacer*. “Our faculty and staff work together to offer high-quality educational programs within an accessible, supportive learning environment.” Graduate and undergraduate enrollment has increased by 4.1 percent since Fall 2006, according to records from the university department that tracks enrollment figures. Enrollment in dual-credit courses, which can be taken

Enrollment Figures
Fall 2007 - 7,173 (up 4.1 percent)
Fall 2006 - 6,893
‘07 Freshman - 1,277

while students are in high school, increased by 19.2 percent. “Enrollment is one indicator of success, but we’re equally proud of the growing success of our graduates, numerous accredited programs, and a noticeable increase in applied research and outreach initiatives involving both faculty and students,” Rakes said. The Fall 2007 freshman class is also the second-largest freshman class on campus with 1,277 enrolled students, records show. Those students had an average high school grade point average of 3.37, an increase from 3.34 in 2006, as well as an average ACT score of 22.07, up from 21.82 last year.

\$70 million construction projects on time, on budget, officials say

Staff Reports

One of the most aggressive construction projects in UT-Martin’s history is on schedule and mostly on budget, officials said. The university has invested \$70 million in capital improvement projects, with new dorm construction making up the bulk of spending. UTM is also renovating science labs, the Fine Arts Building, field house and Elam Center. The Business Building is being gutted to make room for new heating, air conditioning and ventilation. Most of the projects are state-funded, with \$16.5 for a new student recreation center coming

from a student fee. “The end result is worth the wait,” said Al Hooten, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration. This year students have had to adjust to changes in the location of their classes. One of the major concerns with campus construction during the school year is rearranging classes and the faculty, which has been disruptive. Hooten said it has been difficult to find places for classes. Most of the projects are sticking to schedule, helped by better weather, Hooten said. The first phase of the University Village apartment project faced months of delays because of weather.

“They hit the most God-awful weather,” Hooten said. “This contractor hasn’t had that problem. We’re pushing them really hard to get them finished on time.” The biggest problem will be with the Fine Arts Building which will be closed completely for renovation for one to two years, Hooten said. Currently Fine Arts’ concept is beyond budget by \$5 million, but plans are in works to get back on budget before construction starts. Once construction is complete students can expect the campus environment to be more functional and will have a more aesthetic space.



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Skyhawk Invitational brings in bands, business

Jennifer Swegles
Pacer Writer

The Skyhawk Marching BThe Skyhawk Marching Band hosted the Annual Skyhawk Marching Invitational on Saturday, but the 23 bands that came to Martin only brought in a “few thousand dollars,” organizers said.

With most large events, money is needed to make money. The UTM marching band must plan on investing a great deal of money into this program and for that reason, they take it very seriously.

“We won’t know for quite a few months if we even manage to break even profit-wise by hosting this competition,” said Dr. Nola Jones, assistant professor and director of bands. “Quite honestly we bring in the very best judge panel in the country. They are nationally recognized so it cost quite a bit of money to bring them in, but they give really great input and methods for improvement for these bands.”

She said any other money they make from their concessions stand or their Air Grams—messages attendants could buy that were broadcast over the speakers—goes to recruitment for the university’s band.

“Any opportunity you have to get five thousand high school students onto the campus of your uni-

versity is a prime opportunity to recruit them,” Jones said.

Unfortunately for the band, the profits they make are estimated at only a few thousand dollars. Some of the profit is also given to the school for blocking off its parking for the school buses that haul the participating bands.

Rory Anderson, a freshman trumpet player, stated that the band spent \$75,000 last year for new uniforms. He also stated that any profits from the competition they held would be used to help pay for a trip to Nashville where the Skyhawk Marching Band will be marching as a guest band in a Division I and II which are state-championship competitions.

The profit is negligible, but Jones said the money really comes in when the students decide to attend the school and its band. The competition may bring in some money for the band, but its foremost focus is placed on recruitment and providing a quality competition that students will enjoy and return to. It may not mean big business for the band, but it is a positive way to attract business to UT Martin.

With participation of 23 bands from throughout Tennessee averaging about 75 members each, the turnout was very successful.

‘Campus Crossfire’ has students debate extremism

Despite lack of panel, students deem it success

Ashley Totty
Pacer Writer

UTM students went out on a limb at the Student Activity Council’s first Crossfire event. With no professor panel to guide them, students waded into an hour long debate on extremism, all on their own.

The Director of Entertainment and Arts for the SAC, Jacob Shorter, said, “It went really well even though we didn’t have a panel. I was worried that the lack of formality would hurt us, but about 35 minutes into the discussion we were still going strong.”

The first question to be raised was what the actual definition of extremism was. Freshman Political Science major Phillip Masengill promptly answered

that it was believing in an idea to the extreme that you preach against another opposing idea. Another participant defined extremism as any belief that went against the norm, raising the next point of whether or not extremism was a bad thing.

Another freshman Political Science major, Kayla Lindsey, explained that extremism could be bad when it is classified as dangerous. Masengill agreed, saying, “It is where the idea crosses the threshold to danger.”

Everyone present was not necessarily in agreement, however. One participant was hesitant to label extremism, even if it was dangerous. The participant brought up the necessity for death in the creation of new ideas to perpetuate

human condition. Masengill argued that extremist actions, such as jihad, that deny natural liberties, could not be equated with the natural order.

The group discovered that the topic of extremism was a “slippery slope.” Extreme thoughts cannot be outlawed due to infringement on natural rights; however, extreme thoughts can lead to extreme actions that then begin to infringe on the rights of others.

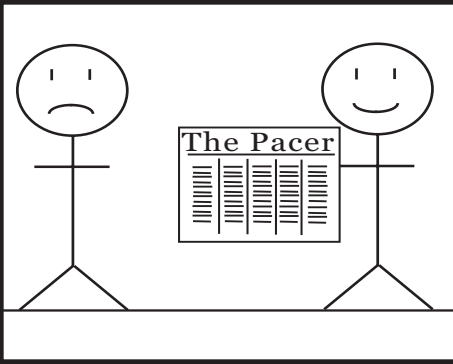
Shorter pushed the discussion in a new direction by asking, “Is the democratic process hurt or diluted by extremists?” Layla Scott, senior Political Science major, replied that since Congress is so well represented through ideology and geography, extremism does not hurt the democratic system because it cannot break it down.

The group also hit upon the interests of voters being influenced by propaganda.

The quote was brought up that “People choose their issues like people choose cars.” The group mostly agreed that politicians are forced to be somewhat extremists in order to avoid the publicity aspect of being a “flip-flopper.”

Shorter expressed that the event was a “chance for the students to correlate book learning to practice and thought.” Lindsey said the event was “a huge success,” and Scott encouraged others to come out to the next event saying, “If you are interested in politics these are the perfect events.”

There will be four more Crossfires between now and December. The next event will be in November on the topic of Personality and Politics. Topics for future debates are open for suggestion, and if you have an idea e-mail Jacob Shorter at jaccshor@utm.edu.



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time, UTK’s major institutional status, admission standards, faculty salaries and graduate programs were steadily increased, at UTC’s expense.”

In April of 2007, a panel or “community coalition” made up of “faculty, UC Foundation, legislators, and community leaders” set out to examine the merger’s issues more closely.

The Faculty Senate’s report says that “securing a major institution of higher education” was what the merger agreement originally promised UTC, and they assert that such an accomplishment “is Southeast Tennessee’s birthright.”

Authors of the report were careful to place emphasis on certain aspects of their work, letting readers know early on how they felt

by citing remarks from the first-ever UT Chattanooga Chancellor William Master-son as he expressed concern about the future of the newly minted UTC: “The future of this institution depends on [...] the kind of attention and support you have given it; we can make it a great school. If you wash your hands of it and say this is now a public school and is the state’s responsibility, then it doesn’t make any difference how much the legislature gives us, it will not be a great school – it will be a branch of the university.”

Some have chosen to approach the issues surrounding the merger disagreement from an entirely different angle, and among them is Tom Griscom of the Chattanooga Times/Free

Press who in an editorial column dedicated to dissecting the merger issue, offers the explanation that there are “growing pains between UT and the fiercely ‘independent’ University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.”

Meanwhile, UT Martin Faculty Senate President Professor Elaine Harriss said that while she had read the UTC report, she wasn’t aware of a response from the UT system itself. Thus, Harriss concluded she could not fully comment on the situation. However, she said that “whatever the outcome of this long-term disagreement, I support fair compensation, provision of adequate instructional needs, and strong administrative support for all faculty in the UT system.”

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The chapter discussed it and they discussed the risk of something like this and how silly it is.”

Bell said she’d spoken out against riding in the backs of pickup trucks, which is illegal in Tennessee.

“It won’t happen again,” Bell said. “We work very hard to follow the rules.”

Bell said the sorority girls went off on their fraternity house tour on their own and that it was not an official event.

Ward and Bell both called the injury a “freak accident.”

Louis Ragsdale, director of UT Martin’s Greek Life,

said the annual event has never been sanctioned by the university or by the sorority.

“This is in no way an official bid day event,” Ragsdale said. “These girls went off and did this on their own as individuals.”

Ragsdale said he hasn’t decided whether to punish the sorority members involved, citing a pending investigation.

Ragsdale said he will warn fraternities and sororities next week about the dangers of riding in the backs of trucks, which has become custom when Greek groups drive to Homecom-

ing events like rope pull.

“We hope this is something everybody can learn from,” Ragsdale said. “Luckily nobody was seriously hurt. But this is something you don’t think about until it happens.”

The sorority has decided not to punish anyone in the accident, Bell said.

Mary Suzanne Coleman, 21, was cited with improper loading of vehicle passengers by the Martin Police Department.

The truck was owned by agriculture major Lucas A. Goodman.

Green: Continued from Page 4

garbage every day for one week, that would be over 30,000 bottles rotting in a landfill.”

People can contribute to change, Eslinger and scientists say:

Drinking from a refillable bottle, using miniature

fluorescent light bulbs and biking to school are a few simple steps to take. Also, recycling some products and reusing others works as well. UT Martin offers recycling for aluminum and paper.

If you are already doing

a lot to be more “green,” then think about some additional steps you can take. If you are doing very little then resolve for yourself lifestyle changes that you need to make.

Yearbook: Continued from Page One

time employment, but that another assistant will not be hired until the Publications Committee has a chance to meet again, perhaps in early October, and discuss the status and future of the yearbook. Parrish is currently slated to speak to the SGA Senate on Oct. 4 about the yearbook, and said SGA has been generous with offers to help the yearbook staff in any way possible.

After numerous discussions so far this fall with her staff and others, Parrish is cautiously optimistic about the future of the yearbook.

“I can’t promise that we’ll have both the 2006 and 2007 yearbooks done by Christmas, no matter how hard we work. But I can promise that I will do everything in my power to keep this staff revved toward its ultimate goal – keeping our promise

to the campus to provide quality yearbooks,” she said.

“If we can get caught up, then I truly believe we can give the students what they told us they wanted – a yearbook that reflects the diversity of this campus and its events, and a yearbook that arrives on time. We’re committed to that promise.”

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Police Report

The Police report was unavailable at the time of press this week because of extenuating circumstances.



Campus Bulletin Board

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Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week’s issue of the student newspaper.

UTM Recycling Group

A new student group is forming to help promote recycling and environmental issues on the campus of UTM. The group is meeting every Wednesday at 12:15 in the back room of the UC (room 125). For more information, send an e-mail to utm.recycling@gmail.com.

Reformed University Fellowship

Reformed University Fellowship will be having Bible study, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in University

Center room 111.

American Association of University Women

Interest Meeting for the American Association of University Women will be held, Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in room 206A of the UC. This meeting is for a new organization dedicated to helping women through education, advocacy and mentoring. Women and men interested in women’s issues are welcome to attend. Contact Theresa Kimmy at thekimm@utm.edu for more information.

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 4-5 p.m. in English department lounge. Focus of this meeting is Valentine’s fundraiser (please bring your love quote), t-shirts, and spelling bee.

Brown Bag Lunch

English Society is hosting a brown bag lunch on Thursday, Feb. 1, 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the English Department lounge. Open to anyone interested in English. Enjoy good conversation with English majors and professors. This will also serve as an informal meeting for English Society. Bring your own lunch.

BSA & NAACP Meetings

Meetings will be held every other Wednesday in the UC Legislative Chambers Rm 111 at 7:00 p.m. starting Sept. 19. The next one will be on Oct. 3 at 7:00 pm.

Math Club

The Math club will meet at 9 p.m. on February 5 in HU 414.

Senior Art Exhibition

Adam McCammon and Mary Margaret Boyd will host their senior art exhibitions in the Fine Arts Gallery, which will run thru Sept. 23. An opening reception will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 5-7 p.m.

UTM Habitat fo Humanities

UTM Habitat for Humanity will hold its first meeting of the semester on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9 p.m. in UC 229. Will discuss the mission of HFH and local building opportunities. If you’re interested but can’t attend, please contact Prof. John Schommer at jschomme@utm.edu for more information.

Student Tennessee Education Association (Student TEA)

Monthly meeting on September 11, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the LRC in Gooch Hall. They encourage Freshman and Sophomore Edu-

cation members and nonmembers to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

UTM Blood Battle

UTM students can help defend their title as Blood Battle champions against Murray State Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25 and 26 at the University Center from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Photo ID is now required for all donors.

Homecoming Meeting

Non greeks and anyone wishing to participate in Homecoming can learn how to get involved by “Homecoming Information” session on Wednesday, September 19 at 8:30 p.m. in Room 206 in the University Center.

DIFF'RENT

SPOKES

by Karen Langdon

It seems that more students are beginning to realize that biking is a great way to get around campus. Whether you would label yourself a biker or not, you've probably noticed an increase in the number of bicycles at UTM this semester. What's so great about riding a bike? The main appeal is speed. Biking to class takes less than half the time of walking the same distance, which is especially nice if you have to trek from one corner of campus to the other every day. Our campus is also fairly well-designed to accommodate bikers, with its wide sidewalks and bike stands (however crowded they may be) at nearly every building.

Biking on sunny days is all well and good, but what if it rains? You can't very well carry an umbrella on a bike, so a rain jacket and some water-proof pants are a worthy investment. Another valuable asset for riding through the mud and rain is fenders, attachments that shield the backs of the tires and keep the rider from being splashed (which is almost unavoidable otherwise). Not many bikes come with these pre-attached any more, but they can be bought separately at specialty stores such as REI.

For those of you who have just started biking around campus or are considering reviving your old Schwinn, below is an overview of important bicycle parts and gear.

Cycling Gear

Whether you're into serious cycling or just riding around campus, you need some amount of gear. These are the basics:

Bike Lock - If you think bikes don't get stolen on this sleepy campus, think again. Two of The Pacer staff lost theirs this summer.

Tire Pump - You're obviously going nowhere fast without air in your tires.

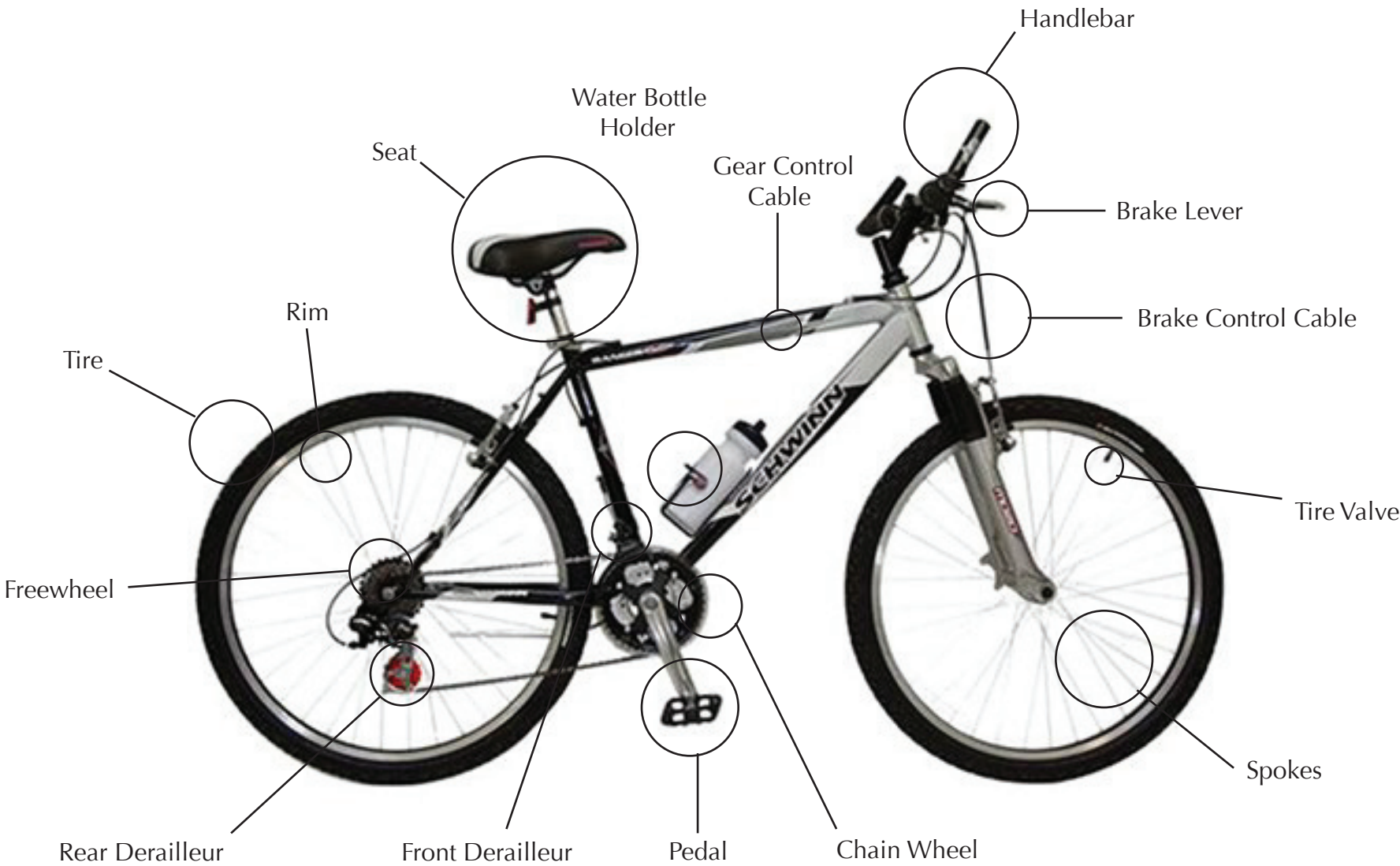
Water Bottle - Almost all bikes have water bottle holders. If you plan on cycling over longer distances this is a must.

Bike Multi-toolkit - These can be hard to find, but are great to have on hand. The multiple tools packed into this tiny kit will work in a pinch if your bike needs a quick fix.

Sunglasses - You don't want to be squinting the whole time you're riding on a sunny day.



Bike Basics



From the Geek Corner
Responsible listening

The debate rages on messages boards, forums and on blogs all over the Internet. The question: is downloading music illegally from the Internet ethically wrong? The answer to that question is continually being formed and shaped in courtrooms across the nation.

One of the reasons that this particular subject is so complex is because of the vastness of the argument. Many times the downloading debate takes several twisted roads which seemingly have no end. In philosophy they call this a "proverbial can of worms" and as such should be treated with more delicacy than when deciding on more black and white issues.

I believe that it is safe to say that, whether they admit it or not, most college students download their music illegally from the Web. Often this financially driven choice leads most to bypass ethical dilemmas all together, free music outweighing personal ethics. Students then default to simplified and logically weak arguments as a justification for their actions. Far too often does the real question behind illegal file sharing come into view and the message becomes distorted. The message must become focused once again.

This message is change. Change crept up on the music industry during the 90s in the form of the now infamous Napster. Since then the music industry has tried harder and harder to resist change and continue the status quo. The Recording Industry Association of America has spent a considerable amount of money to achieve this goal. Their efforts have since disillusioned many in our nation by suing grandparents copying CD's and attacking poverty-stricken single mothers who are among the millions of people who get their music for free. The RIAA have won cases and lost cases but in the end are seen as an industry orga-



Jon-Michael St. Amant
Technology Writer

nization trying to use the law to protect themselves against competition and, more importantly, against change.

Change is happening constantly in the field of technology. With the rise of non-copyrighted, free software known as open-source, many programs in a variety of subjects have perpetuated this state of change. The open-source movement has touched many industries and the music industry is no exception. Now, people not only get their music free, but can choose from an array of different peer-to-peer or torrent clients, each with the aspiration of making file-sharing simple and fast. As the world conforms to new technological norms, laws will soon have to adapt to an unyielding wave of change.

Don't be afraid to change. While file-sharing and downloading music without consent may be illegal, that doesn't mean that the practice is unethical. Also, more importantly, just because something is free and easy doesn't make what you are doing right. In either case it is important to become aware of the changes occurring in our world daily. If you are one of the few who still hold on to the traditional ideas propagated by the music industry then it is time to yield to change. Copyright laws were written 25 years ago; the time has come to embrace the true message of change.

The Technophile is certainly open to change. This week many of the stories surround the fusion of music and technology. This particular facet of the digital world is especially exciting and this week the stories in this section offer insight into an interesting and underutilized world.



www.last.fm

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

MySpace got its start as a way to help bands promote themselves, but that idea quickly faded to play second-fiddle, or worse, to gaudy profile pages. MySpace promotes several different "featured" acts, but often this is due to record labels' influence and simple popular opinion.

Wouldn't it be much nicer if there were a Web site where you could easily discover new bands and artists based on your own tastes and not just the tide of often obnoxious popular opinion?

Last.fm does that. Last.fm is a social networking site that emphasizes music. Users sign up for the site and create profiles

and then start listening to music. After downloading the Last.fm application and installing patches for WinAmp, iTunes or and Windows Media, Last.fm's "scrobbling" software logs all the music users listen to. The software logs what music users like the most.

Last.fm also functions as a social networking site. After a few weeks of having a profile on Last.fm, the site seeks out people who listen to similar music and posts them on the user's home page.

A user can then add these "neighbors" as friends. Last.fm can even create a personal radio station that can be posted on your Last.fm page or can even be embedded into MySpace or any other Web page.



Sony unveils untraditional music player

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

Last week, Sony rolled out a new, albeit limited, music player with the ability to dance to the tune of the music it plays.

The new Sony Rolly music player has recently been unveiled in Tokyo to the press as a possible motion to compete with the Mac's extremely successful iPod line of music players. The football shaped mp3 player cannot only play music but also has the ability to roll, dance, and blink lights in rhythm with music.

While the new Rolly has the ability to entertain buyers, the casual consumer may pass this mp3 player up. As of right now, the current price for this dancing Walkman is ¥39,800, or \$351 American dollars. For that price, novelty lovers can get a palm-sized dancing jukebox with 1GB of on-board storage and a rechargeable battery. The player can dance for up to five hours straight, but if you add the flashing light effect battery-life decreases to four hours.

The ovoid-shaped player rolls on its own by an on-board motion control

program. In addition to the preset motions, this gizmo also comes with software for your personal computer that lets you program personalized dance moves.

The Rolly can be hooked into your computer via USB or Bluetooth wireless technology to fill the gigabyte of memory with songs and mp3s of your choosing.

The six parts of this mobile music player feature colored wheels for a rolling disco effect and two sets of flapping arms that unveil the player's loud-speaker ports.

The new Rolly may be Sony's chance at redeem-

ing themselves for their digital Walkman player that lost out in popularity to Mac's iPod. Perhaps this is why the Rolly is as of yet incompatible with Apple music devices. While the Rolly somewhat resembles an iPod-compatible device called Miuro, which was unveiled last year by Japanese robot company ZMP Inc, this little dancing radio is available at half the price.

For now, Sony has yet to announce any plans for release in the States, but expect to be hearing more about this little bugger as early as next year.

Battle of the BitTorrents

Xtorrent

Xtorrent is the only non-free client for Mac we reviewed as it seems to have the best features. Xtorrent has a slick, easy to use interface that looks much nicer than other clients. It has iTunes, iPod, iPhone and Apple TV support, an RSS reader, bandwidth limits and best of all, selective downloading, which allows you to download only the files you want from a torrent. The only real downside is the price. Cost: \$24

BitComet

BitComet is a fairly no frills client for XP. It has a "treed" navigation system that Windows users will be instantly familiar with. It has links to popular torrent search sites which can be useful, depending on your preferences. Best of all, BitComet has support for trackerless torrents via DHT. BitComet does take up quite a bit of memory, though, so it may not be a viable option for everyone.

uTorrent

Weighing in at just 107Kb, uTorrent is probably the lightest client available. It doesn't even take up a folder in Program Files. For being so light, uTorrent packs in some great features. uTorrent gives you upload and download rate control for individual files, the ability to randomize your port on startup and a scheduler to control bandwidth at different times of the day. Azureus has many more features, but uTorrent chews up far less memory and has a much quicker interface.

Transmission

Transmission is the uTorrent for Macs. It's small, fast, simple and clean. Best of all, it's open source. Downloading torrents with Transmission was far easier than with other clients. Other reviews claim that Transmission was much slower than Azureus, but our own testing found this not to be true. Transmission doesn't have a lot of features, so if you need to stay anonymous, get a VPN (like secureix.com) or get another client. Otherwise, Transmission is a great application. Cost: Free, Open Source

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